(b) what are the reasons for the non-utilisation of funds in full on these schemes by DDA stating the achievements made in these areas so far; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to accelerate the development process in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Review of the Practice of carrying Night Soil

459. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made by Government recently to know the States in which the practice of carrying night soil as head load is still prevailing;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for the continuance of this inhuman and degrading practice; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to accelerate the process of ending such a practice in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India have a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for libeation of scavengers with the twin objective of (a) converting all the existing household/community dry latrines into water borne latrines on the whole town approach basis in the selected medium and small towns, and (b) rehabilitation of scavengers in the alternative dignified employment/occupations. To end of 1988-89, 226 towns were sanctioned under the scheme. Of these 32 towns are reported to have been made scavenging free so far. Over 10,000 liberated scavengers and their dependents are also reported to have been rehabilitated in alternative dignified occupations. Under the Action Plan for 1989-90, it is proposed to cover 300 small and medium towns under this scheme during 1989-90.

15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम का जारी रखा जाना

460. **श्री मीर्जा इशदिबेग:** क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार 15-सूत्रीय कार्यक्रम को जारी रखने का विचार रखती है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों के लाभ के लिए और क्या-क्या योजनाएं बनाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) बैंक ऋणों के संबंध में नीति क्या होगी और इसे कब तक कार्यान्वित कर दिया जायेगा?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) 15-सूत्री कार्यक्रम का तत्व यही सुनिश्चित करना है कि अल्पसंख्यकों के जान व माल की रक्षा हो तथा रोजगार, शिक्षा इत्यादि जैसे मामलों में उनके साथ किसी भी प्रकार कोई भेदभाव न किया जाए और यह कि उन्हें विकासात्मक योजनाओं के लाभ पर्याप्त मात्रा में मिलें। अल्पसंख्यकों के कल्याण के लिए विभिन्न योजनाओं को जारी रखा जा रहा है, इनकी समीक्षा की जा रही है तथा इन्हें अद्यतन बनाया जा रहा है।

(ख) अल्पसंख्यक कल्याण कार्यक्रमों में से एक यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए है कि उन्हें बैंकिंग पद्धति के माध्यम से पर्याप्त मात्रा में ऋण प्राप्त हों तथा बैंकों को यह सलाह दी गई है कि वे अल्पसंख्यकों को ऋण देना सुगम बनाऐं। इस नीति को जारी रखा जा रहा है।

Introduction of new trains during 1990-91

461. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to introduce certain new trains during 1990-91;